

REMARKS

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 10, 12, 16, 17, 21, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 2004/005095 a1 to Von Hayn et al. in view of US 6,209,968 to Bayens et al. the Examiner has indicated that claims 11, 13-15, 18-20, 22, 23, 25 and 26 are objected and would be allowable if rewritten in independent format. As such, claim 10 has been amended to include objected to claim 11 and claim 17 has been amended to include objected to claim 23. Claims 11 and 23 have accordingly been cancelled. Therefore, Claims 10, 12-17 and 28-26 remain pending and are in condition for allowance.

Applicants do not believe any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Response. If, however, Applicants are in error and there are additional fees due, including any extension fees, please charge all such required fees to Deposit Account 50-2570.

Respectfully submitted,

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